

NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Kelly Strayer, 26, was sentenced for distributing child pornography. The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon sentenced Strayer to five years imprisonment. After his release from prison, Strayer will begin a five-year term of supervised release and be required to register as a sex offender.

On March 20, 2008, agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement spoke to Strayer about his receipt and distribution of child pornography. Agents were aware from another investigation that Strayer had sent more than 100 thumbnail images of child pornography to another subject under investigation. Strayer admitted to receiving child pornography through Kazaa, a peer-to-peer network. A search of his computer resulted in the recovery of 38 videos of child pornography. The movies included prepubescent minors being raped.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Name of Defendant: Kelly Strayer

AKA:

Age: 26

City of residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt and Distribution of Child Pornography; 5 to 20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine; both such imprisonment and fine; five years supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On or before March 20, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: January 7, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: December 17, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: January 7, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): January 7, 2010

Sentencing Date: June 3, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on bond pending sentencing

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon

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